

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0180****Name, Location, Ownership**

1. Historic name: _____
2. District or area: Oak Hill Agricultural Neighborhood
3. Street and number: 131 Oak Hill Rd.
4. City or town: Concord
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: Virginia Green

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residence, haying, livestock
8. Historic use(s): farmstead

Architectural Information

9. Style/type: _____
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1900
13. Source: Owner, ext. visual analysis
14. Alterations, with dates: east addition (1960s); west porch
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: asbestos shingle
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: twin (outer)
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 2/2

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____**Site Features**

25. Setting: rural
26. Outbuildings: barn, shed, garage, shop//storage shed
27. Landscape features: pasture, woodland
28. Acreage: 70 acres

**Description:** Farmhouse, front (southeast) elevation

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| 35. Photo #1 | 36. Date <u>Fall 2008</u> |
| 37. Roll # 7 Frame # 21 | Direction: NE |
| 38. Negative stored at: <u>NHDHR</u> | |

29. Tax map/parcel: 120-1-15
30. UTM reference: 19.295320 / 4792680
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Penacook, 1:24000

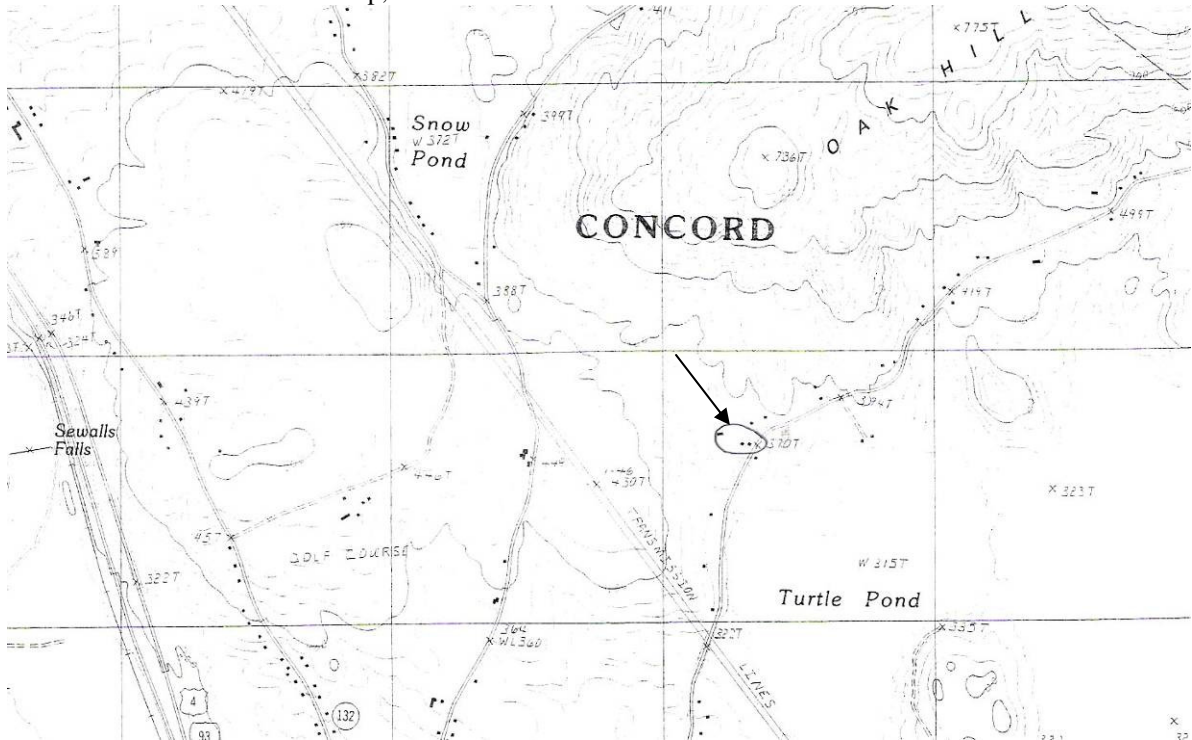
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32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant
33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
34. Date of survey: Fall 2008

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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



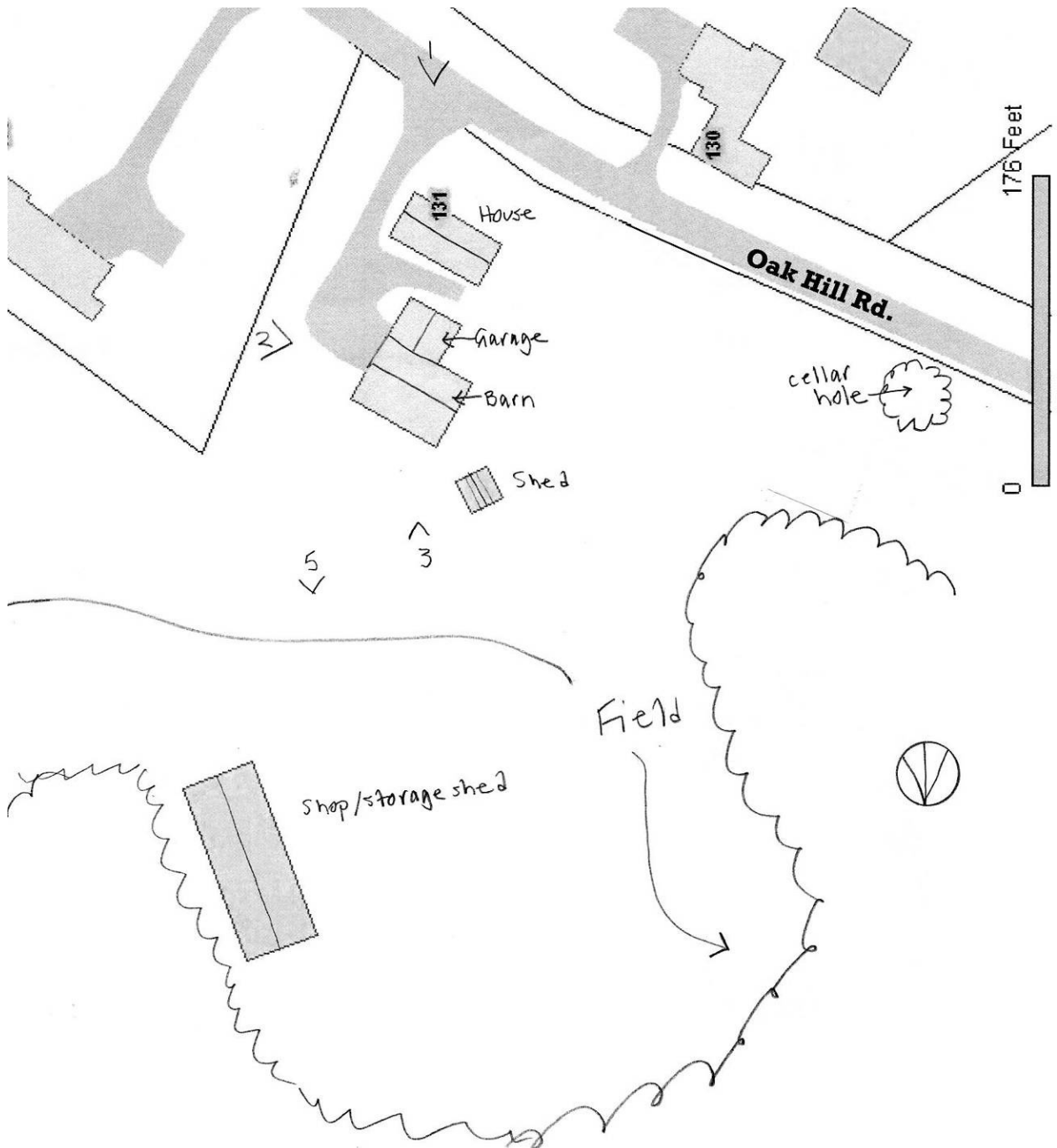
40. PROPERTY MAP:



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40. PROPERTY MAP & PHOTOGRAPHY KEY:



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This form was completed as part of a survey of rural agricultural properties within the City of Concord, a project sponsored by the Heritage Commission. The overall purpose of the project was to raise public awareness of the city's rich agricultural legacy through a combination of identification, education, public policy and preservation planning tools.

Due to limited resources, the survey focused on barns and outbuildings that met all of the following criteria: (1) were sited on at least 10 acres of land; (2) they were located in a fairly rural area and not within the city center or an outlying village; (3) the surrounding land retained historic landscape features, such as open fields, pasture, and stone walls; (4) the outbuildings retained a high level of integrity from their agricultural era. None of the barns on the St. Paul's School campus were included. In addition, a few landmark barns, even if on a small lot, were included. Approximately 45 properties were included in the survey. Whenever possible, an interior inspection of the buildings was undertaken.

The survey was conducted at the reconnaissance-level. Historic background information was acquired from questionnaires sent to each property owner, personal interviews, a review of historic maps, and limited research in local histories. Certainly, additional research data on farms is available from population and, in particular, agricultural census records, and owners are encouraged to pursue those to add to this data base.

When properties were part of a larger, agricultural district, the form locates them as such, and a separate form documenting that historic agricultural neighborhood was prepared.

41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

Like many of the farms along Oak Hill Road, this was in the Potter family in the 19th century. By 1858, it was owned by H.H. Potter, who also owned the farm directly across the road (130 Oak Hill Rd, see CON0179). In 1892, I.F. Potter owned it. In 1926, Howard Potter, an insurance agent, acquired it from his uncle and resided here until 1959, maintaining a subsistence farm. Following his death, his [third] wife, Edwidge, lived here until 2007, passing it on to her daughter, the current owner, in 1999.¹

At one point, the farm included 20 acres of pasture and hay across the road. Circa 1960s the lot immediately next-door (135 Oak Hill Rd.) was carved out for one of Howard's sons, Ralph Potter.

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

51. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

This 70 acre property consists of a farmhouse, a 19th c. barn, garage, shed and large shop/storage shed. The surrounding land includes approximately 12 acres of pasture (formerly hayfields) that still accommodate sheep, llamas and a donkey. A short distance southwest of the house, and close to the road, is a cellar hole.

¹ Historic maps; Virginia Green interview.

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House (ca. 1900): This sits on the foundation of a pre-1858 house that burned. It is a 2 ½ story, 5x3 bay building with asbestos shingle siding, flat trim, and cornice returns. The front entrance is sheltered with a gabled door hood on stick brackets.

Barn (ca. 1855-75): According to the owner, the barn was moved here after the original farm buildings burned ca. 1900. It is a gable-front, five-bay, timber-frame structure. The roof frame has common rafters and horizontal sheathing. Horse stalls occupy the northwest bays. A hay fork survives near the ridge.

The main doors are rolling and made of vertical boards. Exterior sheathing is vertical boards. Stall windows puncture the northwest wall. The barn was originally at grade (note door on northwest elevation). When it was moved here, it was sited to make the cellar accessible; in the 1960s, the cellar was enclosed with poured concrete.

Garage (ca. early 20th c.): This one-story, side-gabled structure on a concrete foundation is appended to the southeast wall of the barn. Walls are covered with clapboards. Two vehicular bays with overhead doors are on the front (northeast) wall.

Shed (1960s): Located behind the barn, the shed was built for manure storage, but now serves as an animal shelter. It sits on concrete block and has a gambrel roof.

Shop/storage shed (late 1970s): This is located some distance behind (northwest) of the other outbuildings, at the edge of a former hayfield (now pasture) and backing up to woods. It is a one-story, side-gable, lengthy structure on concrete and primarily vertical-board siding.

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property, with its ca. 1900 farmhouse, assemblage of 19th and early-mid 20th century outbuildings, and expansive agricultural landscape consisting of fields, woodlands and stone walls, retains a high degree of integrity.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

Amsden, Grace P., *A Capital for New Hampshire*. Unpublished manuscript in 3 vols., written between 1930 and 1960.

Bouton, Nathaniel, *The History of Concord*. Concord: Benning W. Sanborn, 1856.

City of Concord Directories, 1812 -1970.

Lyford, James O., ed., *History of Concord, NH*. Concord: Rumford Press, 1903, 2 vols.

Potter family papers. Private collection.

Interview

Virginia Green (current owner)

Maps, Atlases, Plans and Views

1858 *Map of Merrimack County*. Surveyed by H. E Walling, New York. Published by Smith and Peavey.

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1892 *Town and County Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*. Compiled by D. H. Hurd and Co., Boston.
2006 *Aerial Maps*. City of Concord.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible: ☐
individual ☐
within district ☐
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☐
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

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Photo 2 description: Front (northeast) & northwest elevations of barn. Garage is to left of barn.
Roll: 4 Frame: 17 Direction: S



Photo 3 description: Northwest & rear (southwest) elevations of barn. Shed is to right.
Roll: 4 Frame: 15 Direction: E

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Photo 4 description: Interior frame of barn
Roll: 4 Frame: 14 Direction: SW



Photo 5 description: Late 1970s barn in hayfield
Roll: 4 Frame: 16 Direction: W